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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SEVERAL
TOWN OFFICERS,
OF THE
TOWN OF GORHAM,

FROM

FEBRUARY 24, 1884, TO FEBRUARY 21, 1885.



PERRY, BACON & CO.,
—TAG MANUFACTURERS—PRINTERS—
GORHAM, ME.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

MARCH 2, 1885.

*To Frederick D. Scamman, a Constable in the Town of Gorham, in
the County of Cumberland, Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Gorham, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the Second day of March, 1885, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To receive the selectmen's settlement with the town treasurer, and act on same.

ART. 4. To receive and act upon the report of the several town officers.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of poor.

ART. 6. To see what plan the town will adopt to repair their highways, and what sum of money they will raise and assess for the same.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise for support of bridges.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for support of schools.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise for contingent expenses.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents, to pay interest on Huston fund.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow such accounts as may be presented against the town, and raise money to pay such as may be allowed.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow C. W. Shaw, to draw his proportion of school money for the year 1885, from school district No. 15, and allow him to pay the same to district No. 18, with right to send his scholars to said district No. 18, during the year 1885.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of free high schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen upon the location of a road beginning at a point on the southerly side of Flaggy Meadow road near Mrs. Devine's house and extending across said Devine's field to the easterly line of the Osborne road.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue so much of the old Osborne road as is comprised between the location of the new road, and Flaggy Meadow road.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote for school district No. 6, to raise by a tax more than thirty dollars, to repair the school house in said district, agreeable to an application.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to make an alteration in the road at Great Falls, so far as to straighten the same, where it crosses the Canal, also to make any other alterations or improvements in said road, that may be deemed necessary for the convenience and safety of the public travel, agreeable to an application.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise twelve hundred and ninety-six dollars to pay outstanding note and interest which was given on account of town farm buildings, and becomes due Aug. 1885.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to tax dogs for the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see if the town will fix upon a valuation for a term of years, of the property of the Presumpscot Pulp Ware Co., or, take any other action as the town may see fit, in regard to the taxation of said property.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars, to repair the hearse at Gorham Village.

ART. 22, To see if the town will vote to set off J. J. G. Hannaford, and his estate from school district No. 17, and annex the same to school district No. 1.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to sell to D. H. McKenney, a piece of land in the north-eastern corner of the Cemetery at Gorham village, agreeable to an application.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the selectmen's office, at Gorham, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of February, 1885.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, 1885.

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHAS. E. JORDAN,	
HARVEY W. MURCH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Gorham.</i>

Selectmen's Report.

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED, 1884.

For Support of Poor,	\$1,000 00
“ “ Roads,	1,000 00
“ “ Bridges,	800 00
“ “ Schools,	3,300 00
“ “ Contingent,	1,000 00
Interest on Huston Fund,	228 58
Wm. H. Usher, Clerk,	48 69
F. D. Scamman, Constable,	25 00
John H. Card, Auditor,	10 00
Stephen Hinkley, Treasurer,	60 00
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,	
William Buxton,	231 75
Rufus A. Fogg,	253 43
Geo. W. Lowell,	234 50
School Committee, John A. Hinkley,	35 00
“ “ N. M. Marshall,	35 00
“ “ Geo. P. Plaisted,	35 00
Pound Keeper, Geo. H. Jewett,	5 00
Estimated Outstanding Bill,	750 00
“ Snow Bills and other Highway Bills,	350 00
For High Schools,	500 00
Enlarge and Fence, White Rock Cemetery,	200 00
Hearse and Hearse House at So. Gorham,	500 00
To fence Cemetery at Little Falls,	75 00
Safe for Town Books, and Records,	100 00
To reduce Normal School Debt,	1,000 00
Interest on “ “ “	575 00
Collector's fee,	375 00
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	\$12,726 95

State Tax,	5,601 66
County Tax,	815 08
Overlay,	802 22
Total,	<u>\$19,945 91</u>
Supplimentary Tax,	142 15
Total,	<u>\$20,088 06</u>
Value of Taxable Property,	1,223,152 00
Supplementary Valuation,	4,615 00
Total,	<u>\$1,227,767 00</u>
Number of Polls	677
Supplementary Polls,	35
Total,	<u>712</u>
Rate of Taxation, \$1.52 on \$100.00.	
Poll Tax, \$2.00.	

ORDERS DRAWN FOR FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. James L. Haynes, extra labor on account of sickness, 1883,	\$12 50
Geo. W. Lowell, fare to Portland,	70
James L. Haynes, supt. of town farm,	87 50
Frank W. Smith, medical aid Alexander Harding child,	35 00
Insane Hospital, Cornelia M. Bacon,	27 62
“ “ Sarah Parkhurst,	32 30
Mrs. Grace Redlon. care Alexander Harding child,	25 00
N. M. Marshall, professional services at town farm,	20 25
O'Neil R. Straw, professional services for Mrs. E. Edwards,	3 00
James L. Haynes, supt. town farm,	95 00
Wm. P. Watson, professional services rendered Mrs. Guptill,	5 00
Wm. P. Watson, “ “ Mrs. E. Edwards,	13 00
Insane Hospital, for Cornelia M. Bacon,	31 98
“ “ “ Sarah Parkhurst,	30 52
“ “ “ Elizabeth Edwards,	5 63
Levi H. Bean, expenses and time to take Mrs. E. Edwards, to Insane Hospital,	15 75

F. B. Morrill, Professional services rendered Alex. Harding family,	10 50
James L. Haynes, supt. of town farm,	95 00
Insane Hospital, for Cornelia M. Bacon,	26 29
“ “ “ Sarah Parkhurst,	31 35
“ “ “ Elizabeth Edwards,	27 52
A. W. Lincoln, professional services rendered Miss Lizzie Grant,	6 00
James L. Haynes, supt. town farm,	95 00
City of Portland, for expenses of Georgie Spencer in hospital,	33 43
Chas E. Jordan, time and expense in moving Geo. Brown from Bangor to Gorham,	20 00
Insane Hospital, for Cornelia M. Bacon,	33 01
“ “ “ Sarah Parkhurst,	31 87
“ “ “ Elizabeth Edwards,	29 55
City of Bangor, for Geo. Brown,	74 00
John A. Waterman, for services rendered in Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards case,	3 00
John Roberts, groceries furnished Levi Dyer,	7 33
H. R. Colesworthy, groceries delivered to Alex. Harding,	2 78
Town of Buxton, for med. attendance of Harding child,	2 50
J. S. Leavitt, supplies for town farm,	26 64
Total,	<hr/> \$996 52
Less received from Buxton,	97 45
Total,	<hr/> \$899 07

In relation to our town farm, would say that there has been but one order drawn for support of the poor on said farm, directly for supplies furnished during the year 1884. The amount of that order was \$26.64.

It is due to the Superintendent to say that his management of the farm and care of the poor have been very satisfactory, as also have been the services of his wife, who has been very successful in her department.

We should have been glad to employ them for a term of years, as recommended in last year's report, but were unable to induce them to remain even another year.

Average number of inmates at the poor farm during the year, seven.

Amount of orders drawn on Huston Fund toward the support of indigent persons for the year 1884, \$294 90.

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	}	<i>Trustees of Huston Fund.</i>
CHAS. E. JORDAN,		
HARVEY W. MURCH,		

ORDERS DRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH VOTE PASSED AT
MARCH MEETING 1884, FOR HEARSE AND HEARSE
HOUSE AT SO. GORHAM, FENCE AT LITTLE
FALLS CEMETERY. ENLARGE AND
FENCE WHITE ROCK
CEMETERY.

Geo. B. Gustin, Building hearse house at So. Gorham,	\$100 00
Daniel D. Plummer, Land for White Rock Cemetery,	35 00
M. T. Files, Material furnished for " "	22 35
H. H. Libby, Labor on " "	2 00
D. R. Small, " " "	14 00
James Gray, " " "	15 68
Chas. Davis, " " "	23 50
Geo. W. Lowell, Lumber furnished, White Rock Cemetery,	39 15
J. S. Leavitt, Freight on hearse for So. Gorham,	13 85
John M. Webb, Furnishing material and fencing Cemetery at Little Falls,	40 00
Goff & Plummer, Lumber for White Rock Cemetery,	41 85
H. W. Murch, Hauling Posts,	3 00
Geo. H. Brownell, Hearse,	386 15
Total,	<hr/> \$736 53

ORDERS DRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOTE PASSED AT ANNUAL MARCH MEETING, 1884.

Wm. H. Usher, town clerk,	\$ 35 00
Wm. H. Usher, recording births and deaths,	13 69
Geo. H. Jewett, pound keeper,	5 00
Stephen Hinkley, treasurer,	60 00
Rufus A. Fogg, selectman,	205 43
Rufus A. Fogg, use of horse and carriage,	48 00
Geo. W. Lowell, selectman,	205 50
Geo. W. Lowell, use of horse and carriage,	29 00
William Buxton, Selectman,	231 75
Geo. P. Plaisted, Supt. School Committee,	35 00
John A. Hinkley, " " "	35 00
N. M. Marshall, " " "	35 00
F. D. Scamman, constable,	25 00
John H. Card, auditor,	10 00
Lysander Hayward,	100 00
F. O. Bailey, & Co., safe,	100 00
Frederick D. Scamman, collector's fees in full for 1882,	27 25
Frederick D. Scamman, " " " 1883,	379 27
Interest on Huston Fund,	228 58
Total,	<hr/> \$1,808 47

ORDERS DRAWN FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Stephen Hinkley, making non-resident tax deeds, 1883,	\$ 3 35
Brown Brothers, locks for old cemetery,	1 10
John A. Hinkley, for paper, envelopes and stamps used for business of S. S. Committee,	5 00
Perry, Bacon & Co., printing town reports, receipts &c.	72 00
G. I. Bickford, watering trough, 1882, and 1883,	6 00
Reform School, board of Webster Farr,	13 00
P. I. Libby, watering trough,	3 00
D. F. Rolfe, care of town house,	1 65
O. K. Cobb, crossing land,	5 00
Stephen Wescott, " "	6 00
Julia A. Perkins, " "	2 00
Bills contracted previous to 1884,	<hr/> \$118 10

Lysander Hayward, crossing land,	1884,	3 00
Reform School, board of Webster Farr,		13 00
J. H. Irish & Co., town books,		21 00
Arthur H. Stanwood, police service,		2 50
O. A. Bean, “		2 50
Geo. Alden, hauling safe from Portland,		5 00
C. I. Libby, pole for hearse, two locks and one pair large hinges for cemetery,		17 00
Perry, Bacon & Co., printing bill and receipts,		4 25
James S. Thomas, police service,		2 50
Reform School, board of Webster Farr,		13 00
Edwin Crockett, painting fence,		4 75
A. J. Stackpole, watering trough,		3 00
H. R. Millett, stationery and postage,		2 39
Portland Publishing Co., advertising,		8 00
Free Baptist Church, repairs,		5 00
Wm. H. Usher, for record books,		6 08
Reform School, board of Webster Farr,		13 00
C. W. Shaw, watering trough,		3 00
H. R. Millett, paper and postage,		1 68
J. C. Card, wood for office,		2 12
J. S. Leavitt, “ “		3 69
Total,		<hr/> \$254 56

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF BRIDGES.

Wm. H. Lombard, Jr., labor.	1882,	\$ 4 00
F. H. Freeman, spikes,	1883,	1 60
Daniel Libby, labor.		1 50
Freedom Douglass, timber.		3 95
Joseph Harmon, labor.		6 00
Squire Libby, “		2 25
C. E. Ward, “		20 50
Daniel Libby, “		3 75
Bills contracted previous to 1884,		<hr/> \$43 55

John T. Parkhurst, plank,	1884,	46 00
Stephen Wescott, labor and posts,		6 58
Geo. W. Lowell, posts and railing lumber,		3 68
A. L. Hamblen, plank and labor,		38 00
Lewis L. Files, stringers,		10 00
Geo. Heath, labor,		3 00
Goff & Plummer, plank and joist,		40 35
G. L. Cobb, labor,		1 50
Horace Cressey, labor.		3 75
James G. Meserve, "		3 62
Joseph Ridlon, Spikes,		1 02
C. E. Jordan, labor,		3 00
Total,		<hr/> \$204 05

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF ROADS.

C. W. Deering,	\$ 3 00	Richard Libby,	\$ 19
M. C. Kimball,	6 78	W. S. Larrabee,	5 08
Geo. A. Allen,	3 00	Mark Newcomb,	1 63
E. Thombs,	5 46	Chas. Newcomb,	19
E. T. & S. B. Cloudman,	8 99	Alonzo Wood,	3 95
Chas. O. Hawkes,	2 97	Jonathan S. Files,	2 85
John W. Jordan,	45	Geo. T. Blake,	5 50
Eugene H. Cloudman,	22	Stephen Perkins,	1 50
Albert Hamblen,	6 30	Edmund Flood,	2 80
Albert Hamblen,	9 00	Freedom Douglass,	5 60
Silas B. Brown,	2 94	Lewis Douglass,	4 54
Rufus Mosher,	6 31	Geo. H. Douglass,	1 40
Alpheus Boothby,	3 50	Joshua Irish,	48
Edward R. Wentworth,	10 88	Chas. Guptill,	15
Daniel Libby,	7 78	Robert Cobb,	2 67
Rufus Whitney,	1 71	Geo. Cobb,	90
Oliver Phillips,	5 29	Calvin Whitney,	1 09
E. A. Strout,	2 85	Freedom Douglass, Jr.,	15 60
Mrs. Mary Paine,	1 50	Phineas I. Libby,	98
J. D. Spinney,	3 57	A. K. P. Libby,	1 53
Richard Willis,	3 79	William Wescott,	18 00
Tyng W. Libby,	5 96	William F. Dudley,	3 30
C. H. Brackett,	9 80	Saml. C. Hoyt,	80
A. K. Plummer,	6 38	J. N. Newcomb,	6 38
A. K. Plummer, gravel,	4 00	Alvin W. Newcomb,	90

Benj. Irish,	\$ 2 46	Jonathan Whitney,	\$ 4 55
Jeff Roberts,	20 60	T. P. Whitney,	7 62
Leander A. Dow,	14 04	W. S. Whitney,	1 50
Lewis McLellan,	56 64	Wm. E. Files, Jr.,	5 88
Geo. Elwell,	3 00	Edward Files,	2 77
Joseph L. Elwell,	8 92	William Metcalf,	24
H. L. Batchelder,	26	Horace Cressey,	7 25
A. C. Hanson,	63	Josiah Harding,	1 50
R. M. Bangs,	4 96	A. M. Allen,	8 62
A. M. Hamblen,	7 60	Geo. A. Allen,	8 65
Howard Cotton,	44	Geo. A. Allen,	13 58
F. Augustus Files.	7 44	Levi Hamblen estate of	7 14
Chas. E. Jordan,	6 44	Reuben Wescott,	2 42
Edward Files estate of	97	Robert B. Meserve,	9 05
Wm. E. Files,	3 92	Frank M. Baker,	17 06
Rufus Mosher,	7 71	C. I. McLellan,	13 79
Freeman Richardson,	11 67	Sam'l Fenderson,	3 00
Edwin Coburn,	18 25	Lewis H. Lowell,	3 00
R. J. Elder,	1 26	Chas. H. Bradbury,	1 00
Jere Osborne,	3 28	Wm. W. Cressey,	14 85
W. H. Osborne,	1 50	Alvin Cressey heirs of	6 47
C. T. Osborne,	1 50	Emoline Cressey,	9 40
C. H. Osborne,	4 54	Wm. Littlefield,	5 24
Asa Libby,	4 12	Chas. & John Graffam,	2 40
Wm. B. Libby,	6 29	E. M. Wilson,	9 73
Marhall Whitney,	5 35	Daniel Wescott,	1 61
Alston V. Whitney,	1 50	Frederick Purinton,	2 25
Samuel B. Sawyer,	4 53	Benj. F. Irish,	3 47
Wm. F. Skillings,	1 16	Wesley & Chas. Murch,	11 75
Oliver Dole,	67	James Warren,	4 00
Albert Cannel,	82	David Patrick,	5 64
Henry Plaisted,	1 87	Albert Cressey,	1 88
Eben Manchester	2 40	Geo. P. Stokes,	2 72
Frederick Plaisted,	6 12	Stephen B. Anderson,	11 12
Lucius Goff,	96	Isaac L. Johnson,	15 25
Chas. Nason,	67	Ansel S. Stone.	12 00
Uriah Nason,	3 55	Daniel Taggart,	5 17
Elmer Manchester,	5 55	Lewis Johnson,	5 34
J. L. Hall,	60	D. W. Davis,	2 88
H. W. Manchester,	1 05	Benj. L. Harmon,	5 48
G. P. Plaisted,	2 56	Lysander A. Hayward,	4 74
Allison Libby,	2 92	J. G. Clements,	4 34
Chas. Johnson,	9 84	Geo. W. Crockett,	9 35
A. F. Johnson,	1 72	Chas. M. Moody,	92
W. H. Johnson,	3 40	Alonzo B. Douglass.	1 20
Mathew Johnson,	5 80	Lewis L. Files,	2 79

A. J. Stackpole,	\$ 1 87	Daniel Libby,	\$ 4 73
Lysander A. Hayward	54	James Williams,	1 70
John C. Wallace,	3 10	Samuel Rand,	1 10
Samuel Ridgway,	7 50	S. S. Waterhouse,	4 50
Wm. H. Lombard,	85	Geo. W. Heath,	4 82
Ezra Richardson,	2 55	A. D. Maxfield,	59
Rufus A. Fogg,	84	C. E. Ward,	29 11
Wm. E. Strout,	14 38	W. S. Libby,	16 94
A. N. Waterhouse,	9 75	B. I. Libby,	6 30
Henry D. Libby,	2 40	A. J. Moses,	18
Otis Purinton,	2 72	C. A. Whipple,	61
Chas. A. Brackett,	21 69	J. W. Parker,	12
Geo. Skillings,	10 35	Alfred Libby,	1 23
Walter Skillings,	5 48	S. B. Cook,	24
C. H. Watson,	3 38	H. M. Irish,	7 75
Geo. Watson,	15	Goff & Plummer estate of	6 00
Frank Skillings,	3 68	Fred A. Libby,	2 07
Abial Rounds,	3 68	Andrew F. Smith,	30
David Sturgis estate of	7 33	Henry Mayberry,	5 00
Albert N. Purinton,	20 46	W. B. Kemp,	2 86
Caleb H. Murch,	5 11	W. B. Kemp, Jr.,	1 62
Wescott Elliott estate of	1 34	C. S. Purinton,	1 39
Chas. Davis,	3 75	A. N. Waterhouse,	10 07
Chas. H. Irish,	9 50	Liberty Moulton,	4 00
Stephen B. Anderson,	3 50	Levi Estes,	6 08
James L. Hall,	2 70	Levi Estes,	1 75
Reuben Wescott,	5 68	Stephen Wescott,	8 35
Orrin Wescott,	7 87	Edward Libby,	15
Wm. F. Libby,	4 47	Robie Whitney,	90
E. T. Smith,	2 70	Geo. Thomas Blake,	1 20
Sewell Cloudman,	11 38	E. F. Manchester,	4 35
Wm. G. Purinton,	15 15	U. S. Nason,	5 17
Gustavus Plummer,	6 48	Roswell Ward,	94
F. H. Brown,	86	Chas. A. Nason,	1 25
Antonio Lopez estate of	1 99	Byron Hamblen,	2 40
W. W. Davis,	9 26	Lucretia Mayberry,	9 44
John Libby,	3 15	Roswell Ward,	2 47
John C. Wallace,	4 50	Frank Ward,	74
Chas. H. Irish,	10 50	Jeff Roberts,	8 10
Daniel Palmer,	12 15	Gardner Floyd,	1 50
Frank L. Whitney,	1 75	Geo. P. Stokes,	2 27
John H. Waterman,	5 25	Richard Willis,	7 89
Samuel Fenderson,	5 70	Tyng W. Libby,	4 68
Jeff Roberts,	7 35	Richard L. Libby,	52
Lewis Lowell,	2 50	A. K. Plummer,	3 46
Freeman Paine,	9 75	Chas. H. Brackett,	11 76

Wm. L. Larrabee,	7 50	Jeremiah Parker,	1 85
Isaac L. Johnson,	27 35	Chas. A. Brackett,	22 64
Isaac L. Johnson,	15 00	Sam'l Allen heirs of	5 54
Chas. O. Hawkes,	3 00	Reuben Wescott,	6 76
D. W. Davis,	6 00	Levi Hamblen estate of	1 97
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	6 30	Albert Riggs,	1 25
Eugene H. Cloudman,	3 60	M. C. Kimball,	15 86
R. Barbour,	2 25	Ezra Thomes,	16 40
H. B. Johnson,	29 31	Lewis Johnson,	3 32
Wm. B. Freemaun,	4 00	D. W. Davis,	2 27
W. F. Berry,	85	Ezra Thomes,	4 81
Alex Stewart,	05	Edwin Hall,	3 25
Isaac Gilky,	1 52	A. P. Wood estate of	2 25
S. S. Stevenson,	13 13	A. W. Rowe,	21 25
S. B. & E. T. Cloudman,	31 32	Geo. Skillings,	17 45
Elijah & Chas. Hawkes,	6 65	Frank Skillings,	3 75
J. W. Jordan,	25 81	John F. Kimball estate of	2 80
Robert Barbour,	5 97	David Sturgis " "	9 80
H. A. & H. S. Cloudman,	12 65	C. H. Watson,	3 15
W. S. Libby,	10 00	C. E. Watson,	10 15
L. J. Brackett,	8 00	Abial Rounds,	1 80
W. & C. H. Murch,	16 05	Otis Purinton,	11 52
David Patrick,	3 21	Freeman Hicks,	1 72
Albert Cressey,	4 52	John A. Bodge,	25
James Warren,	1 30	Edgar H. Bodge,	72
David Warren,	1 45	Daniel F. Libby,	56
F. W. Fairbanks,	46	M. C. Kimball,	9 69
Sewell Blake,	40	Geo. P. Plaisted,	2 18
Geo. P. Stokes,	75	Allison Libby,	2 53
Chas. E. Wescott,	1 35	C. W. Deering,	14 52
Joseph F. Fogg,	1 47	Wm. Collins,	2 20
Mark Hicks,	45	A. L. Hamblen,	16 51
Joseph F. Young,	2 88	L. C. Roberts,	4 62
Benj. S. Benson,	9 95	C. O. Wiggins,	69
Atwood S. Shurtliff	23 63	A. L. Hamblen,	2 63
Leroy McDonald,	45	L. C. Roberts,	2 71
Alvah McDonald,	45	Daniel Billings estate of	2 20
Abbie H. Hanscom,	2 67	C. O. Wiggins,	54
Leonard Grouard,	4 10	Freeman Hicks.	21 44
Mrs. S. A. Cressey,	3 50	H. W. Murch.	4 15
Frederick Purinton.	3 50	M. T. Files,	1 91
Daniel Wescott,	4 67	John A. Bodge,	34
E. M. Wilson,	1 75	Geo. E. Files,	75
Benj. F. Irish,	2 46	M. F. Parker,	1 37
Lewis Johnson,	84	James Gray,	7 89
D. W. Davis,	40	C. A. Purinton,	17 39

Harry A. Hoyt,	4 80	Abram Tyler,	82
Wm. Bolton,	2 34	P. Carle,	6 16
Ivory Lord,	12	Sophia Warren,	1 80
Chas. Morton,	6 40		
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Total,			\$1,852 25
Amount for 1882,		\$ 51 16	
" 1883,		1,339 08	
" 1884		462 01	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,852 25

RECORD OF TAXES ABATED IN THE TOWN OF GORHAM BY THE ASSESSORS FOR 1884.

Margarett Chesley,	1882, error in valuation,	\$ 4 26
Rufus I. Shirman,	1880, left the state,	79
Geo. M. Procter,	" Poverty,	2 00
Chas. H. Blake,	1881, error in assessment,	36
Calvin C. Wescott,	1884, " valuation,	2 61
J. J. G. Hannaford,	1883, " "	4 20
Jonathan S. Files,	1883 & 1884, over 70 years old,	4 00
Horatio S. Blake,	1882, unable to pay,	7 51
Timothy D. Burnham,	" not in town,	28 10
Geo. N. Beman,	" left the state,	3 00
Washington Cash,	" not able to pay,	2 00
Jacob T. Day,	" left town,	2 00
Wm. B. Freeman,	" over 70 years old,	2 00
Nelson Shaw,	" left town,	2 80
Frank C. Whitney,	" not to be found,	2 00
Leonard Moody,	" not able to pay,	72
Anthone Hanson,	1883, not in town,	2 00
Chas. H. Blake,	" " "	2 00
Wm. L. Blake,	" " "	2 00
Austin Brackett,	" taxed twice,	2 00
Geo. N. Beman,	" left the state,	2 00
Albert Ball,	" left town,	2 00
Wm. L. Chase,	" not a resident,	2 00
Jacob T. Day,	" not in town April 1, '83.	2 00
Henry H. Day,	" left town,	2 00
Patrick Daley,	" not in town April 1, '83.	2 00
Wm. Elkins,	" left town before 1883.	2 00
Olliver Edwards,	" left town 1882,	2 00
Amos S. Fields,	" left town before April 1, '83.	2 00
Wm. Foster,	" left state before "	2 75
Timothy Hodsdon,	" taxed twice,	2 80
Edwin H. Hall,	" left town,	4 20
Reuben Kenney,	" dead,	2 00
Peter Libby Libby,	" left town,	2 00
Simon J. Lewis,	" dead,	2 00
John A. Meserve,	" not a resident,	2 00
Engene McGuire,	" left town,	2 75
Wm. McDonald,	" "	2 00
James A. Perkins,	" not able to pay,	2 00
Jeff Roberts,	" not of age,	2 00
Andrew W. Smith,	" left town,	2 00
Chas. H. Tapley,	" "	2 00
Chas. Tenney,	" left town before April '83.	2 00

Thos. Tamburg,	1883, not in town,	2 00
Frank C. Whitney,	" " "	2 00
Wm. Welch,	" " "	2 00
Herbert H. Whitney,	" " "	2 00
Marshall Moulton,	" not a resident,	2 00
Wm. H. Martin,	" paid tax in Standish,	2 00
Presumpscott Pulp Ware Co.,	1882, error in valuation,	77 36
Presumpscott Pulp Ware Co.,	1884, " "	76 00
Chas. E. Ryerson,	1880, left town.	1 30
		<hr/>
		\$293 51

It is very important that there be as full a record as possible of the Marriages, Births and Deaths in the town. It might be very much fuller and more accurate than it is, if all would carefully obey the law, given in Revised Statutes Chapt. 59, as follows, viz :

SECTION, 20. The Clerk of every town shall record in a suitable book the Marriages, Births and Deaths occurring therein, and by the second Monday of May, annually, shall make certified returns thereof to the Secretary of state for the year ending on the last day of March, and said Secretary shall receive and file them in his office.

SECTION, 21. The assessors, while taking the inventory of the polls and estates, annually, shall ascertain by inquiry the births and deaths during the year ending on the last day of March, and make return thereof to the town clerk by the last day of April; and parents, house-holders, masters of work-houses, alms-houses, prisons and vessels, shall give notice to the clerk of their town of the births and deaths which take place in their families, houses, or vessels, and the elder person next of kin shall give notice of the death of his kindred.

SECTION, 22. *Whoever neglects to perform the duties required of him in the three preceeding sections, forfeits not exceeding ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered by complaint, half to the town and half to the prosecutor.*

It is the custom of some towns to publish a list of Marriages, Births and Deaths in their annual report, and it is suggested that if the law is reasonably complied with the coming year, such lists be published in our next annual report.

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHAS. E. JORDAN,	
HARVEY W. MURCH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Gorham.</i>

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STEPHEN HINKLEY, Treasurer, in account with the Town
of Gorham:

DR.

To cash in my hands at settlement, 1884,

\$ 1,507 69

 " received from sundries, viz:

From State Treasurer, School Funds for 1883,	\$1,450 16
" " " account Free High Schools,	250 00
" " " Railroad and Telegraph Tax, '84.	92 80
" " " State Pensions,	60 00
" " " diseased horse, killed by order of the selectmen in 1883,	85 60
Selectmen, for error in order drawn in 1883,	1 00
" " for proceeds of sale of Carll house,	30 00
Town of Windham, account poor,	5 00
" Buxton. " "	97 45
Tax deeds redeemed, and interest on same,	3 34
Advertising non-resident taxes.	2 00
Tuitions Free High School, Dist. No. 1.	111 00
" " " " " " " 9.	4 20

\$2,192 55

To cash received from taxes, viz:

From non-resident taxes.

\$ 875 13

 " F. D. Scamman, balance 1882 tax,

553 39

 " F. D. Scamman, " 1883 "

8,073 97

 " F. D. Scamman, account 1884 "

2,693 09

\$12,195 58

\$15,895 82

By Cash paid, viz :	CR.
Orders for support of Common Schools,	\$ 4,514 42
“ “ “ “ Free High “	1,102 33
“ “ “ “ Roads,	1,852 25
“ “ “ “ Bridges.	204 05
“ “ “ “ Poor,	996 52
“ “ “ “ Contingent expenses,	254 56
“ “ “ “ Money voted,	2,545 00
“ “ “ “ Abatements,	289 89
Town Bond, balance War Loan,	500 00
Normal School Loan, Note No. 4,	1,000 00
Note given on account New Town Farm Buildings,	800 00
Interest on Town Bond,	15 00
“ “ Normal School Loan,	582 50
“ “ Town Note,	36 00
State Pensions.	60 00
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	\$ 14,752 52
Cash on deposit and in my hands.	1,143 30
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\$15,895 82

STEPHEN HINKLEY, *Treasurer.*

GORHAM, FEB. 21, 1884.

Examined and found correct,

JOHN S. LEAVITT,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHAS. E. JORDAN,	
HARVEY W. MURCH,	

of Gorham.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF GORHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 21, 1885.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Balance due school districts,	\$ 1,490 48	
" " Free High Schools previous to 1883,	88 90	
" " " " " for 1883, and 1884,	81 82	
Normal School Loan.	11,000 00	
Interest on same March 1, 1885,	104 17	
Due Municipal Officers—estimated,	1,000 00	
Snow bills and other highway bills—estimated,	350 00	
Other outstanding bills—estimated,	200 00	
State Tax, 1884,	5,601 66	
County Tax, 1884,	815 08	
Huston Fund note,	3,889 75	
Note on account of New Town Farm Buildings,	1,200 00	
Interest on same to March 1, 1885,	74 00	
		\$25,895 86

RESOURCES.

Due from F. D. Scamman, on Town Tax, 1884,	\$ 11,468 27	
" " " " State Tax, 1884,	5,601 66	
" " " " County Tax, 1884,	815 08	
" for non-resident taxes,	26 76	
" on account of tax deeds,	50 77	
" from State, School Fund and Mill Tax,	1,368 12	
" over paid on town order,	1 00	
" on Lewis J. Libby's note,	28 02	
Huston farm, with new buildings,	6,000 00	
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,143 30	
	\$ 26,502 98	
Balance of resources,		607 12
		\$26,502 98
Balance of Indebtedness, Feb. 24, 1884,	3,465 55	
Balance of Resources, Feb. 21, 1885,	607 12	
Decrease of Indebtedness the past year,	\$4,072 67	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. WATERMAN, *Finance Committee.*

GORHAM, Feb. 21, 1885.

Having examined the books and accounts of the town for the year ending February 21, 1885, I find the payments properly vouched, the books and accounts correctly kept and accurately balanced, and for further details would refer to the fore-going reports of your Selectmen, Treasurer and Finance Committee.

JOHN H. CARD, *Auditor.*

GORHAM, Feb. 21, 1885.

Report

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

To the Citizens of Gorham :

In accordance with the requirements of law, the following annual report of the Public Schools of Gorham, is respectfully submitted :

GENERAL STATISTICS.

I.

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Amt. raised by town for common schools,	\$3,300 00
“ due from State, being Town's proportion, of school fund and mill tax for 1884.	1,368 12
Total,	<hr/> \$4,668 12

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended Feb. 23, 1884,	318 95
Amt. raised by Town for Free High Schools,	500 00
“ rec'd from State “ “	250 00
“ “ for tuitions,	115 20
	<hr/> \$1,184 15
Paid for teaching in District No. 1.	\$841 33
“ “ “ “ “ “ 9.	261 00
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	\$1,102 33
Balance unexpended Feb. 23, 1885,	81 82
	<hr/> \$1,184 15

II. CENSUS.

School Census of Gorham, Apr. 1, 1884 :

Number between the ages of 4 and 6,	105
“ “ “ “ 6 and 16,	526
“ “ “ “ 16 and 21,	245

876

III. DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS.

District having greatest number days school,

District No. 1, 188 days.

“ least “ “ school,

District No. 13, 80 “

Average number days school for each district, 122 5-6

Number of terms taught during the year :

Common Schools,	42
Free High “	4

46

Number terms taught by male teachers,

18

“ “ “ “ female “ excluding assistants

in Districts Nos. 1 & 9,

28

Average length of Spring Schools in days,

39

“ “ “ Summer “ “

44

“ “ “ Fall “ “

53

“ “ “ Winter “ “

62

IV. TEACHERS.

Number of different teachers employed for year :

“ male, 14, female, 20, 34

“ “ teachers employed in Summer Schools, 1

“ female, “ “ “ Winter “ 6

Highest salary pd. male teachers per month, including board, \$88 89

Smallest “ “ “ “ “ “ 25 00

Average monthly salary for all male teachers for year,
including board,

49 61

Highest salary pd. female teachers per week includ'g board,	\$10 00
Smallest " " " " " "	5 00
Average weekly salary, female teachers for year " "	7 17

V.

PUPILS.

Whole number attending Spring Schools,	170
Average " " " "	148
Whole " " Summer "	470
Average " " " "	387
Whole " " Fall "	393
Average " " " "	326
Whole " " Winter "	511
Average " " " "	413
Whole number different pupils enrolled for year,	675
Per cent of number enrolled to whole number,	
per school census,	77
Average number attending, per year,	442
Per cent of average attendance	
to whole number scholars in town,	50
" " " enrolled,	65

[In these totals the pupils who attend the model schools connected with the Normal School are included.]

Although our schools for the past year compare very favorably with those of former years, and many of them stand far in advance of what they have in past times, yet we feel sure that you are not receiving all the advantages from the expenditure of your school funds that you should.

Many of the teachers employed, have proved themselves to be possessed of the requisit qualifications to successfully govern and instruct; and such, when properly sustained by the co-operation of parents and scholars, have invariably succeeded in adapting their labor to the peculiar wants of their pupils.

Among the attendant evils of the district system is the too frequent change of teachers; it being a rare occurrence that the same teacher is retained for even two consecutive terms.

When a competent teacher is employed, if he could be retained from year to year in the same school, and the parents would manifest such an interest as would awaken in, and impress upon the minds of their children the importance of education and the personal

benefits to be derived therefrom, we should speedily witness such a change in the character of our schools, as could not fail of producing beneficial and lasting results.

We repeat the suggestion made last year, that the town should reduce the number of its districts.

There are six districts (one third of the whole number in town) which have an aggregate average attendance of only fifty seven scholars. The cost of teaching these scholars, exclusive of repairs on school-houses and heating the same, is thirty-five dollars and sixty-two cents per week, or sixty-two and one-half cents per week for each scholar.

We think that no one upon looking over the returns from the different schools, can fail to see that the interests of education would be promoted by the consolidation of some of our smaller schools. This would enable them to secure longer schools and better teachers. The interest in a school of respectable size is always greater, under good management, than it can be where but ten or twelve attend school.

The High School in District No. 1. graduated its second class July 3, 1884.

Our High Schools are of decided benefit, especially to those scholars who intend teaching, and, also to those preparing to enter the Normal School. We heartily recommend the continuance of the appropriations.

We are pleased to report that the inhabitants of school District No. 13, have, during the past year, built a convenient, attractive and commodious school-house, which supplies a want long felt by this district.

We hope to see other districts which fail to have such houses as their wants demand, speedily follow the example thus set before them.

G. P. PLAISTED,	} <i>Superintending</i>
C. F. MERRILL,	
W. H. H. BRYANT,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

TABULAR STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS IN GORHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Number.	Agent.	No. of scholars per census.	Schools.	Teachers.	Whole At'tance				Aver. At'tance				No. days in school.			\$Teach's wages including board.	Amount of money per District.	
						Spring.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Spring.	Summer.	Fall.			Winter.
Village.	1	A. H. Sampson.	246	High and Grammar.	*Mr. W. W. Curtis. Miss A. L. Goodwin.	59	43	70	64	53	39	61	57	43	45	50	50	\$80 00 10 00	\$1,230 00
				Primary.	Miss Anne A. Moulton.	55	44	46	40	48	38	36	35	35	45	50	50	10 00	
Model Dept. at Normal School.				Intermediate.	Miss Rose Chute.	24	22	29	25	21	20	24	21	45	50	50	50		
				Primary.	†Miss Bessie Reed. Miss F. E. Danforth.	20	21			16	16			45	50		50		
Flag.Mead.	2	E. G. Cressy.	26	Ungraded.	Miss L. F. Kimball.		13	14			10	10			50	60		6 00	147 00
Fort Hill.	3	F. C. Phinney.	37	"	Miss M. J Whitney.		17				15				40			5 00	216 65
				"	Mr. F. I. Whitney.				20				14			75	40 00		
†Fogg.	4	W.F.Pillsbury.	41	"	Miss L. S. Brackett.		26				23				40			6 00	218 69
				"	Miss Annie Pillsbury.			24				17				40		6 00	
				"	Mr. W. F Pillsbury.				27				20			70	35 00		
West Gor.	5	F. A Files.	52	"	Miss A. L. Staniels.		32				21				60			6 50	264 10
				"	Mr. Everett E. Files,				30				22			65	48 00		
Smith.	6	F. Bartlett.	17	"	Miss M. C. Hamblen.		11	11			9	10			35	65		5 00	98 63
Horton.	7	I. L. Johnson.	16	"	Mr. Chas. H. Johnson.	12				10				40				25 00	121 50
				"	Miss F. A. Meserve.				11				9			45	6 50		
Blake.	8	Alonzo Wood.	48	"	Miss Georgia A. Cobb,	29					21				40			5 50	248 62
				"	" "		31					23				50		6 00	
				"	Mr. G. P. Plaisted.			34					27			63	40 00		

W. Rock.	9	D. R. Small.	39	Ungraded.	Miss E. F. Robinson.	21		19		50		8 7 00	\$204 49
				"	Miss J. T. Mayberry.		20		16		60	7 50	
				Free High.	Mr. Ed. F. Robinson.	44		37		60		55 00	
					Miss E. F. Robinson.							8 00	
Winship.	10	John Morton.	25	Ungraded.	Miss Carrie M. Cotton.	18		14		45		6 75	153 75
				"	" "		18		15		50	7 25	
Whitney.	11	Levi S. Phinney	27	"	Miss L. M. Warren.	15		12		40		5 50	143 37
				"	Mr. F. E. Dingley.		16		11		60	35 00	
So. Gor.	12	L. W. Deering.	23	"	Miss N. J. Deering.	14		12		45		5 75	147 52
				"	" "		17		12		65	6 00	
Wescott.	13	Reuben Wescott	41	"	Mr. Chas. A. Moses.		29		23		80	40 00	212 35
Allen.	14	Geo. A. Allen.	14	"	Miss C. L. Gilkey.	6		5		40		5 00	106 50
				"	" "		5		4		70	5 50	
Nason.	15	L. S. Goff.	30	"	Miss I. M. Hutchins.	21		17		40		7 00	161 27
				"	Mr. Peter Trickey, Jr.		21		18		70	35 00	
‡L. Falls.	16	E. T. Cloudman	100	"	Miss N. L. Cloudman.	65		51		50		10 00	500 00
				"	Mr. E. L. Baker.		57 57		55 47		50 80	53 00	
Mosher.	17	W. M. Twombly.	37	"	Miss Lottie L. Lord.	16		12		40		6 00	202 76
				"	Mr. C. W. Wentworth.							35 00	
‡Gt. Falls.	18	C. A. Whipple.	57	"	Miss Ida A. Browne.	36		33		40		6 75	290 92
				"	Mr. E. O. Cobb.		43		39		40	36 00	
				"	Mr. J. W. Knight.		40		37		55	60 00	

*The summer term was a district school, salary \$88 89. Other terms free high.

†The registers of this school were not returned. Attendance and length estimated.

‡Length and average attendance of winter schools in these districts, estimated. Terms not yet closed.

§Wages of male teachers reckoned by the month; that of female teachers by the week.